

THE PENTECOSTAL evangel

NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD



JUNE 16, 1963
TEN CENTS

MEMPHIS SKYLINE • CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PHOTO



The 30th General Council of the
Assemblies of God will be held in

ELLIS AUDITORIUM

MEMPHIS, TENN.

AUGUST 21-27



Should a Christian Have a Breakdown?

by Anne Sandberg

HE ALWAYS MAINTAINED HE "WOULD RATHER WEAR OUT than rust out." It was too bad, because it seemed such a waste of valuable human resources for a thirty-five-year-old minister to be incapacitated by a nervous breakdown. Fortunately it had not progressed to a mental collapse.

She was the capable kind, who couldn't refuse multiplied demands on her time. Four children, an aged father, a Sunday school class, child evangelism club, PTA presidency and attendance at all the church services was almost more than she could possibly manage. But she consented to handle the Christmas program. . . .

It was years before she fully recovered and was able to give more than the barest minimum of care to her family.

Mental and nervous breakdowns are becoming a serious national problem. Some statistics indicate that soon one out of ten persons will be affected. It would be disheartening to discover how many of these are Christians. Especially since we have been proclaiming Christ and His inner peace and rest as the solution to man's problems.

The psychiatrist may cite other causes for breakdowns, but two definite factors are: (1) Doing too much. (2) Doing it under continual pressure.

Let us consider the habit of overdoing, or going beyond one's physical, emotional, or spiritual limitations. Excluding the aged, most people from kindergarten age and up are engulfed in a whirlwind of activity.

The husband exceeds the suburban speed limit to get to work on time. His wife hurries the children off to school and then swoops down on her household chores like a tornado. She has a heavy schedule—shop, clean house, lunch for the children, club in the afternoon, bake cookies for PTA, prepare evening meal. Late in the evening she finishes her ironing and collapses into bed, only to awaken to the same whirl at six o'clock the next morning.

Even children hardly have a leisure evening. On Mon-

day it's Bible Club after school, Tuesday there is the piano lesson, Wednesday the gym games, Thursday scouts. . . .

Few people escape this modern malady. Its symptoms are taut faces, strained eyes, clipped and breathless speech. Its victims jump at an unexpected touch on the shoulder and appear to be always hurrying faster than their bodies can take them.

Such overloading of circuits causes flareups of nerves at home and at work, and often a complete breakdown, with its attendant loss of valuable time and service.

The effect on the spiritual life is even more disastrous. An old saint once said, "Some of us are running our souls thin by incessant action." Excessive duties that crowd out prayer and meditation leave us spiritually barren and unfruitful.

But, if one cause for breakdowns is *overdoing*, the correlating one is continued *stress*. Tense and strained, we push through the day as though under the whip of Simon Legree. Even the atmosphere these days seems saturated with tension, which some exude and others absorb. Never have there been so many barbiturates sold for tension headaches and tranquilizers for jangled nerves. Hundreds of articles are written, even by and for Christians, on how to cope with tension.

Actually, it should be an exception to the rule for Christians to be swept into what has been appropriately labeled "the rat race." But here we are. Those with rugged emotional and physical constitutions survive, but the more fragile often crash.

Isn't it time to put the brakes on this precipitation toward a breakdown? What's the hurry? Where's the fire? Slow down.

The Lord warns us in Isaiah 30:15, 16, "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength; and ye would not. But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses. . . . We will ride upon the swift. . . ."

Therefore God is sometimes obliged to permit an enforced "vacation" in bed to give us time to analyze this "so-much-to-do" monster and to gain perspective.

Obviously, drastic revisions are necessary—first, in viewpoint and next, in manner of living.

Is a Christian required to keep pace with the world or with someone else's tempo? Are we sure the Lord is demanding excessive secular or religious activities?

Once you are convinced that your killing pace is neither sensible nor the will of God, you have hurdled an important barrier.

The next step is to firmly restrict your commitments—beginning at home.

Is it really necessary for a husband to struggle with two jobs; or his wife, with a part or full-time job, in addition to household duties? Wouldn't it be far better to forego the luxuries of a double income and maintain physical and spiritual health? It depends on one's sense of values.

The same principle applies to community and religious obligations. At the risk of being considered withdrawn or uncooperative, one must establish and keep within his limitations. Instead of that hasty "yes," why not say, "I'll think, or pray about it." And then be guided by the Lord in your relinquishing or acceptance of responsibilities. Even with curtailed obligations, you will still be busy enough.

It is a good idea to plan your week and your day. G. H. Moreling, in *Quest for Serenity*, describes a nobleman "unable to maintain his inner life acceptably because of the pressure of duties." Fenelon advised the duke to note how the gardner plants young trees far enough apart so they have space to grow. Likewise ought his duties be spaced so as to allow time for the spirit of prayer and peace. "Proper spacing," said Moreling, "and around each duty an air of leisure."

Many people work like ambitious, energetic Farmer Sims who habitually pushed his team to the limit of their endurance. One day he complained to a neighbor, "How is it, Marshall, that you start working an hour later and quit an hour earlier than I, yet accomplish as much as I do? Besides, you and your horses are fat and refreshed, while I and mine are thin and exhausted."

Said Marshall, "My horses and I take our natural gait, with several pauses during the day. We work reasonable hours and rest on the Lord's Day. Your spirit of fretfulness gets into your team and neither you nor they can relax; while mine absorb my calm."

In ten years Farmer Sims was a physical wreck, unable to do a normal day's work, while Marshall is flourishing.

"... Around each duty an air of leisure..." Do you really have to vigorously attack those dishes the minute your children have gone to school? Why not "waste" a few minutes enjoying the flowers in your backyard, or listening to the cardinal in the elm tree?

One executive, who faced a nervous break but couldn't possibly get away, recovered by taking the advice of his physician to spend five minutes of every hour relaxing in a dark room adjoining his office. Frequent short rests during the day are suprisingly refreshing.

But when a housewife begins her day under self-imposed pressure, she usually continues the pace until the day's end. By the time the school-weary children and

A Prayer for Today

Slow me down, Lord!

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amid the confusion of the day, the calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory. Help me to know the magical restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations—of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines from a good book.

Remind me each day of the fable of the hare and the tortoise, that I may know that the race is not always to the swift—that there is more to life than increasing its speed.

Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong because it grew slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values that I may grow toward the heights of my greater destiny.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

—Saint Anonymous

eight-hour fatigued husband arrive at the Christian home, which is supposed to be a haven of peace, the atmosphere has already been created which makes family conflicts inevitable.

Basically, a Christian's chief duty is to know God and to make Him known. All else is secondary. If we believed that, instead of attempting to cope with the "maddening pace" of the world, we would be setting an example of the serenity of a life lived in harmony with the pace of heaven.

God dwells in an atmosphere of eternal tranquillity and rest and He wants His children to enjoy the same blessing. Instead of beginning the day with a feverish rush into its duties, we ought to take time to be alone with God, until He gears our pace to His. Then we will find His peace saturating not only our souls but our bodies as well, bringing them under the calming influence of His Spirit—which is symbolized by a dove.

Instead of absorbing or exuding the atmosphere of the world, we will be creating our own atmosphere of peace and quiet, which will be a blessing to all who come within the radius of its benediction. ◀◀◀

Official Voice of the Assemblies of God
1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield 2, Mo. *65802

BERT WEBB, *Executive Director*

ROBERT C. CUNNINGHAM, *Editor*

LESLIE W. SMITH, *Layout Editor*

NORMAN PEARSALL, *Art Consultant*

CARL G. CONNER, *Circulation Manager*

DEPARTMENTAL EDITORS

John Garlock, Foreign Missions; Ruth Lyon, Home Missions; F. W. Colbaugh, Radio; Burton W. Pierce, Evangelism and Men's Fellowship; Johnnie Barnes, Royal Rangers; Everett James, Light for the Lost; Verne MacKinney, Speed-the-Light; Frances Foster, Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade; Elva Johnson, Women's Missionary Council; Charlotte Schumitsch, Missionettes.

EDITORIAL POLICY BOARD

Bert Webb (Chairman), R. J. Bergstrom, E. W. Bethany, G. R. Carlson, N. D. Davidson, D. H. McLaughlin, Kermit Reneau, R. H. Wead, A. A. Wilson.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Thos. F. Zimmerman (Gen. Supt.), Bert Webb, Gayle F. Lewis, C. W. H. Scott, H. S. Bush, J. P. Hogan, Bartlett Peterson, M. B. Netzel, R. J. Bergstrom, E. W. Bethany, G. R. Carlson, N. D. Davidson, D. H. McLaughlin, Kermit Reneau, R. H. Wead, A. A. Wilson.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Addresses in the U.S. and U.S. possessions: Single subscription \$2.50 a year; \$4.75 two years; \$7.00 three years. Special introductory offer \$1.00 for 20 weeks. Bundle rate (minimum of four subscriptions, all mailed to the same address) 65c for 13 weeks, \$2.25 for a year, on each subscription. Canadian addresses: Single subscription \$3.00 a year; \$5.75 two years; \$8.50 three years. Bundle rate (minimum of four subscriptions, all mailed to the same address) 78c for 13 weeks, \$2.75 for a year, on each subscription. Foreign lands (except Canada and PUAS countries*): Single subscription \$4.25 a year; \$8.25 two years; \$12.25 three years. Bundle rate (minimum of four subscriptions, all mailed to the same address) 91c for 31 weeks; \$3.50 for a year, on each subscription.

*PUAS—U.S. rates apply to all countries in the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain. See your Postmaster for a list of these.

Printed in the U.S.A. Second-class postage paid at Springfield, Missouri.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years. WE BELIEVE in the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

Average paid circulation in April
181,139 copies weekly

Exposed to the Glory

If you would bear the image of the Lord, you must expose your soul to the light of His presence. Man's soul, like a sensitive photographic plate, takes on the image of that to which it is exposed; and the longer the exposure, the clearer the image.

Spend your time reading worldly magazines, watching worldly TV shows, mixing with worldly people, and soon you will be bearing the image of the ungodly. You will be talking like them, acting like them, and even looking like them. But expose your heart to opposite influences and you will see an opposite effect. Bible-reading, prayer, and Christian companionship will enable the Holy Spirit to trace upon your life the beautiful marks of Christian character.

Not that Christian character is formed by environment alone. Environment is important, but first we must be born into God's family and become a partaker of His divine nature before we can show evidences of true godliness. Some preachers of the modern school may tell us otherwise. They will say, "Learn to act like a Christian and you will be one." But who can turn a tiger into a household kitten? The newspaper told of a family that took a little cub of a wild bear for a household pet. The children loved it. They trained it carefully and they had a delightful time playing with the cub while it was young. But as the cub grew older its savage nature asserted itself and things began to happen. The parents barely managed to get the animal safely behind bars in time to save the children's lives! So it is with unregenerate human nature. The old savagery of the human heart cannot be trusted. It will assert itself, in spite of the best training. It is not culture but conversion that we need first. Not education, but transformation. Not a new knowledge, but a new birth. Christ said, "Ye must be born again." We must become new creatures by the regenerating power of the Holy Ghost before we are ready to live a Christian life and to have the image of the Lord developed in us.

Something happened to Moses when he went into the mount and talked with God. There was a supernatural radiance from his face when he came down. Something happened to Jesus when He was on the mountaintop with His Father. His face shone with the brightness of the sun. Something happened to Stephen after that prayer meeting recorded in Acts 6. God clothed him with power and glory, and his face shone as though it had been the face of an angel. And something will happen to us as we, with open face, expose ourselves to the glory of the Lord by gazing into His Word. We will be changed into His divine image from glory to glory, by His Word and by His Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). As the poet has said:

"Walk in the starlight long enough and the silver will touch
your hair,
For the stars will lean from heaven and be reflected
there.
Talk with the angels long enough and your very face
will shine,
For the peace of God will touch your eyes with
radiance divine.
Only give God and the angels time to burnish what
once was dim.
And the glory may rest on all of us, for was it
not so with Him?"

If we will spend much time in secret with Christ and His Word, our friends will see His likeness in our conduct. —R.C.C.

"PARENT'S DAY"

Dr. William F. Rosenblum of New York has proposed that Mother's Day and Father's Day be merged into Parent's Day. "Just why mothers and fathers should be 'segregated' in celebration of their importance is beyond me," he said. "The Decalogue does not have one commandment for mothers and another for fathers, but asks that we honor them both in one declaration. And while there may still be some who feel that a mother's role is more decisive in the rearing of the children, the fact is that more and more we are coming to the realization that the father must play an equally significant part in the destiny of the offspring." —*Sunday School Times*

DWARFED BY SHADE

Whatever grows in the shade is weak. Strong foods that are nourishing almost always grow in the sunshine. People who are morally and spiritually strong live and grow in God's sunshine of grace.

All who live in sin's shadows or who are filled with the devil's darkness cannot help their fellows to become moral and spiritual giants. In fact they help to make them moral and spiritual dwarfs.

However, to live in the clear with both God and man is blessed, noble, and sublime. To travel in the clear puts one in a higher realm than sin has to offer. It brings blessedness to the conscience and sweetness to the soul.

—WALTER E. ISENHOUR, in *The Wesleyan Methodist*

THE SWEETEST VERSE

The old saint was not far from the pearly gates when his minister came to see him, as he had done many times. Looking tenderly down on him, he said, "I'm not going to weary you now, but I'll read to you the sweetest verse in the Bible, and then we'll have prayer together."

He then opened his pocket Testament at the fourteenth chapter of John's Gospel, and read: "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you," and was closing the book and kneeling in prayer, when the dying man stretched out a delaying hand, and whispered, "No, that isn't the sweetest verse. Read on."

So the minister read: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." At that a seraphic smile spread over the face of the dying saint. "That's it," he whispered. "That's the sweetest verse. It is not the mansions: it is Himself I want." —*Selected*

THE IMPORTANT THING

The last thing the devil wants you to do is to win a soul definitely to Christ. If you don't believe it, try it. The devil will let you go to prayer meeting; he will let you talk on religious subjects and do "many mighty deeds," if only you will stop short of persuading men to accept Christ as Lord and openly confess Him before men.

—CHARLES M. ALEXANDER



FAMILY SOLIDARITY

The strength of our nation depends upon family solidarity. Most of our ills come from family breakdown. Any child who is denied the love and security of a happy family experience enters upon life with a serious handicap. Any child who does not learn love of God, loyalty to country, respect for the rights of others, obedience to law, and acceptance of discipline at home, will find it mighty hard to learn anywhere else.

—ELMER L. ANDERSON, ex-Governor of Minnesota

GOD FIXES THE WORDS

A man was going along a road, and hearing a soft, small voice, stopped to listen carefully. He detected that the voice was repeating the alphabet. He began looking, and over behind a bush he found a little boy on his knees saying: "A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z."

When the boy had finished he began again. Over and over he repeated the alphabet.

Afterward the man asked "Son, what are you doing?"

The little boy answered, "I'm praying."

"Praying!" exclaimed the man, "Why, what do you mean by saying you are praying?"

"Well, Sir, I just don't know how to pray," said the little boy, "but I'm sending these letters up to God and He knows just how to fix them into words that will say just exactly the right thing." —*Redemption Tidings*

God Gave Us Fathers

A father is a precious gift—
How kind that He should give
An earthly one to lead the way
To show us how to live.

The heavenly Father knew full well
How children turn away
From truth and right, when life is young,
And pleasures lead astray.

So He gave fathers—earthly ones—
With love and tender care,
To help Him lead the little ones
From sin's deceptive snare.

—Zula E. Coon

"Down, down, I sank into the dark water," says this sailor, "and then, all was black..."

I KNEW IT WAS MY LAST CHANCE!

PEARSALL

by JOEL BARNETT
Portland, Oregon

MOTHER STOOD IN THE DOOR WITH HOT TEARS COURSEING down her cheeks as she said, "Son, I wish you would become a Christian before you go." Her words affected me deeply and I was to remember them many times in the months to come.

"I would like to," I managed to stammer out, "but I don't see how that kind of life will fit in where I am going." I shall never forget that day in 1951 when I walked away from home and joined the Navy.

After boot camp I was sent to Seattle and made a lifeguard. One Saturday night I went to a rodeo dance and under the influence of liquor began to fight with another man. He choked me nearly to death before the police arrived and broke it up. I went back to Seattle skinned and bruised and weak from dissipation.

Monday I felt in poor physical condition to act as a

lifeguard but dared not refuse my duty. That afternoon I sat almost asleep in my chair on the beach. It was quiet, and not many were around, for which I was thankful.

Suddenly the stillness was shattered by a piercing, terror-stricken cry. "Guard, guard..."

My heart seemed to stand still. I heard it again. Then I saw a single hand extended above the water at the extreme limit of the swimming area.

Going headlong into the water, I was at the fellow's side in just a few moments. He had a death grip on the line marking the edge of deep water and would not let go. He was hysterical and screaming. When I attempted to pull him to shore, his free arm was thrown about my neck, choking me. In the struggle I was forced to take him under to break the death hold.

In a few seconds he choked me again, and this time when we went under I took some water in my lungs. My strength was going fast.

The situation was desperate. Coming up behind, I grasped his chin, jerked it, and he went limp. Taking a good hold of him, I headed for shore but had not gone over four or five strokes until my strength was completely gone. I could do no more. I let go and began to sink.



Joel Barnett now teaches the college-age Sunday school class at the Northeast Assembly of God in Portland, Oregon. This is how he appeared in 1951.

As I went down I looked up and saw that he was still floating. A ray of sunlight flickered by me. Looking hard, I felt that it was the last time I would ever see light. Down, down, I sank into the dark water, and then all was black.

But just as the blackness overtook me, it seemed that a Mighty Hand was placed beneath me. I began to rise toward the surface.

When I broke water, all my energy had returned. With renewed strength I grasped the unconscious man and headed for shore. Halfway in we were met by four fellows with surfboards who helped us to the beach.

We laid the victim in the dressing room. After the administration of oxygen and first aid he recovered.

I walked back to my chair with stars dancing before my eyes. I did not want my commanding officer to know what poor physical condition I was in as a result of my weekend of drinking and fighting. Sitting there, I suddenly knew whose Hand had brought me back up from the murky waters.

That evening my sister and husband who were born-again Christians took me to their place for supper. When she asked me why I was so quiet, I said I was thankful for their prayers and told them what had happened.

The following Thursday evening they took me to a revival. The sermon was on "Man's Last Chance," and it seemed that the evangelist was talking just to me. I knew that I had received my last chance. If I did not receive Christ as my Saviour now, there would never be another opportunity.

As the service climaxed, I made my way to the altar with head low and tears of repentance flowing unashamed. That night I asked God to save a poor sinner, and He did. It was past midnight as I left the church and went to my sister's home, for they had gone from the service earlier. I woke them up and we wept for joy together as I told them what the Lord had done in my life.

Later I spent two years aboard the *USS Noble* and had many opportunities to witness to the men. Some were led to Christ.

I remember one man who was so interested in the things of God. We would talk by the hour about the Bible, and I was sure he would accept the Lord. But he refused, saying, "When I get out things will be different. I will be saved when I get out."

Then the *Noble* was sent to the Far East and I was transferred off. I never had another opportunity to speak to my friend about spiritual things.

Two weeks later I received a letter from another buddy. "We had some bad luck the other night," he wrote. "One of the fellows went ashore and came back drunk. He started across the quarter deck and passed out. They picked him up and laid him in his bunk. The next morning when he would not respond, the doctor was called and pronounced him dead."

This was my friend who had said, "I will become a Christian when I get out."

He had his last chance and didn't take it. I had mine, and have been happy, oh so happy, that I responded and said "yes" to God.

Dear friend, this little story with its simple appeal to turn to God could be *your* last chance. Will you take it?



Thirtieth General Council

Assemblies of God

ELLIS AUDITORIUM

Memphis, Tennessee

August 21-27, 1963

Council theme: "UPON ALL FLESH"—Acts 2:17

Announced Speakers

Wednesday night (keynote address)—T. F. Zimmerman, *General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God*

Thursday morning—Wesley Morton, *Evangelist, Kirkland, Wash.*

Thursday night—Frederick H. Huber, *Assistant Superintendent of the New Jersey District*

Friday morning—Tom Johnstone, *General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada*

Friday night (*Home Missions Rally*)—C. C. Burnett, *President of Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif.*

Saturday morning—Raymond Hudson, *New Mexico District Superintendent*

Saturday night (*Youth Rally*)—Calvin Melton, *Evangelist, Mobile, Alabama*

Sunday morning (*Communion Service*)—G. Raymond Carlson, *President of North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Sunday afternoon (*Foreign Missions Rally*)—Morris Plotts, *Missionary Evangelist*

Sunday night—Paul E. Lowenberg, *Pastor, First Assembly of God, Topeka, Kans.*

Monday morning—R. D. E. Smith, *Assistant Superintendent of the New York District*

Monday night—Lowell Ashbrook, *Louisiana District Superintendent*

Tuesday morning (*to be announced later*)

Morning prayer meeting each day—A. A. Wilson in charge

Room reservations should be made immediately. For housing information write to Pastor T. E. Scruggs, Hollywood Assembly of God, 5280 Blackwell Street, Memphis, Tennessee.



The Head of the House

CAUGHT IN THE MAD PACE OF TWENTIETH-CENTURY American life—with wives and children dashing in and out, pausing only long enough to hold out a hand for cash—many men are wondering if Robert Browning knew what he was talking about when he said

*There's a blessing on the hearth
A special providence for fatherhood!*

Fathers are caricatured as bumbling fools who never make the right decisions. Their wives and children are always smarter than they are. And the public loves it, probably because it represents something closer to the truth than most of us would like to admit.

True, we still have some of the old Victorian types of fatherly tyrants around, ruling harshly and bitterly with a heavy hand. But some modern fathers have reacted to this by becoming disinterested spectators in the family arena, content to lodge in a chair at the dinner table or in front of television. Others have become something like a slot machine Santa Claus, winning their way by dispensing kindly favors.

It may appear trite to say that the scriptural pattern of fatherhood is far from any of the above. And yet we wonder how many Christian fathers have ever seriously considered the Word of God in this connection. It is much easier to fall into the pattern of contemporary American fatherhood than it is to examine God's Word and then by His grace obey it. But let us here state that one great need today is for fathers who are willing

to find out God's blueprint for fatherhood and then follow it. We can only sketch the bare outlines of that blueprint here. We suggest a concordance, paper, and pencil for a thorough job.

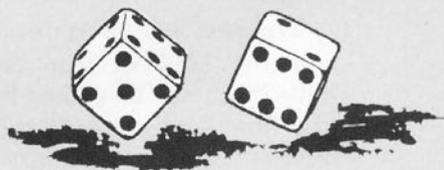
We believe, first of all, that fathers must realize their place of headship in the home. Fathers must be the spiritual heads as well as the providers. They must "rule" their own houses well, not dictatorially, of course, but wisely and lovingly. Authority in the home must rest with the father. This is God's will for the family relationship He instituted. Until fathers become "the head of the house" in the scriptural sense of the word, there is no hope that the family will become a place of godliness, spiritual power, love, and discipline.

With this authority comes great responsibility. Fathers must know how to lead and love their wives with patience, understanding, and firmness. They must know how to discipline children with love and how to be consistent in their demands for obedience. They must be brave in times of danger, honest in times of temptation, kind in times of provocation, faithful in times of hardship, hopeful in times of discouragement.

Basically, Christian fathers must give their wives, children, and homes to the Lord. They must "leave" them for Christ's sake. Only then can they receive freedom to rule, love and discipline as they should. This is the great responsibility of a Christian father. Anything less is a tragic caricature.

—*The Sunday School Times*

A Former Gambler Testifies



By Arthur Condrey

I WAS A PROFESSIONAL GAMBLER FOR ELEVEN YEARS BUT God reached down and rescued me. He "brought me up out of a horrible pit" and now I want to praise Him.

Some months ago I went two or three times to revival services at the New Hope Assembly of God, Graceville, Fla. I knew that the Lord was dealing with my heart, but it was hard for me to respond to the altar call. The devil had me so tightly in his grip!

At the close of one particular service there was a message in tongues and interpretation. Again the Lord spoke forcibly to me. I went to the altar for prayer, and my cousin came and pleaded with me to seek the Lord, but it was so hard for me to make a definite decision that night. I came home unsatisfied. However, my heart was beginning to change. I knew that I must be saved or be doomed and damned.

A short time after this I attended a revival conducted by Evangelist Charles H. Harthern at the Assembly of God in Chipley. After the service the pastor spoke to me, and the evangelist joined us. We made an appointment for the following morning at ten o'clock when the evangelist showed me many verses from the Bible relating to my salvation. All my questions were answered. That morning I knelt at the altar and wept my way into the arms of a loving Saviour!

On my way home I threw away my cigarettes and have not needed them since. My gambling and all the sins associated with it have gone. I am a new creature in Christ Jesus. I have been baptized in water and now I desire to serve Him all the days of my life. ◀◀◀

Another Minister Led into Pentecostal Blessing

BY ANSLEY ORFILA, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

JESUS CHRIST TRANSFORMED ME WHEN I WAS SAVED! Although I had been a church member since I was six years old, I had drifted deeply into sin. Before I was saved at the age of seventeen, I was drinking as well as smoking and I had a police record!

My heart was opened to God's voice when a close friend was shot and killed in a barroom fight. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour and dedicated my life to preach the gospel.

In order to prepare myself, I attended a non-Pentecostal church college in Pineville, La. While there I began to hunger for a greater experience of God's power. Although I had the joy and privilege of serving as president of the college ministerial association and was pastor of a church, I felt I did not have God's best.

One day as I prayed for more of God's power, the question came to me: "Would you be willing to resign your church right now without other means of livelihood in order to have the fullness of God's power?" I replied I would, and continued praying. To my amazement, the very next day I definitely was led to resign my church.

My wife and I discussed leaving the denomination of our parents (which we still respect as a great organization) and entering the Assemblies of God. As a sign

that we should take this step, I asked God to give me the baptism with the Holy Spirit accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking in tongues.

Then I ceased praying, "Give me this experience if you have it for me," and began to pray, "I want this experience *since* you have it for me." I told God I was willing to fast and pray until He either baptized me with the Holy Spirit or "took me home." For two days I fasted and prayed. Often words which I had never learned came to me.

I went to the home of B. W. Flanagan, an Assembly of God pastor, for counsel and prayer. As we prayed together on September 7, 1962, the Spirit gave me words and phrases in another tongue. I continued to yield to the Holy Spirit and spoke as He gave me utterance. Then He filled the room until His presence seemed like waves sweeping over us.

Since then my wife also has been baptized with the Holy Spirit and has spoken in tongues. I praise God that the power of Pentecost is still available for hungry hearts today!

(Pastor B. W. Flanagan, Many, Louisiana, writes: "Brother Orfila received the Holy Spirit in my home. He is growing in the Lord and establishing an Assembly of God in Monroe, La.")

If you are wondering how to be saved, read this article about Noah and follow his example.

BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

BY MARVIN
FOREDYCE

"For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

MERCY IS THE FOUNTAIN, FAITH IS the channel, but grace is the stream. This gem of grace outshines everything of this world's luster. All the crown jewels of this earth could not purchase salvation for one soul. This grace of God is as old as the human family, yet as new as the dawn and as fresh as the dew. It is as deep and wide as all human needs.

We notice: "But Noah *found* grace in the eyes of the Lord" (Genesis 6:8). Like a nugget of gold or a precious stone, grace is found! Like truth it must be discovered. It is never a product of man's labors, the consequence of his culture, or the result of his abilities.

Noah found this grace at a time when, like today, man was so taken up with his own achievements that he ignored God completely. The tragedy is not always that God is *dissatisfied with man*, but usually man is *satisfied without God!* In Genesis 6:4 the Bible tells us that men became mighty, and then in the next verse it says that the wickedness of men was great.

Marvin Foredyce is an ordained minister affiliated with the Oregon District of the Assemblies of God. He recently resigned from the pulpit at Oak Grove, Oregon.

When great men become wicked, wickedness becomes great. Yet in the face of such ungodliness Noah found grace to be godly.

How did Noah find this grace? He came from the line of such men as Seth and Enos—men who called on the name of the Lord and walked with Him. Not that grace is hereditary, but the desire and fortitude to seek God often does come from example.

In 2 Peter 2:5 Noah, this man of grace, is declared to be a preacher of righteousness. Not only by what he did, but also by what he was. And what a man is may be more important than what he does. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, this man was preaching his message of righteousness. It was more than his sabbath sermon topic; it was what he lived on the job, on the street, in his home. We need more than sermon topics today; we need men like Noah.

Hebrews 11:7 states: "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the

righteousness which is by faith." Observe:

He was warned of God. Our nation has set up a massive warning system as a protection against aerial attack. We are ready to accept the warning of medical science regarding the various enemies that would harm our physical bodies. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. Let us remember the Bible has forewarned us of the many spiritual dangers of these last days. It warns of false prophets, false doctrines, the rising tide of iniquity, selfishness, and its accompanying evils. May we, like Noah of old, be warned of God. He believed a judgment was coming.

He was moved with fear. This is not the kind of fear that paralyzes into inactivity or causes hysteria. It is the kind of fear that keeps men from being foolhardy and gives men courage to make sure they are safe. The Bible records that Daniel knew of the signing of the decree which forbade him the right to pray. He was not so much afraid of what would happen if he prayed, as he was of what would happen if he did not pray! Noah was rightfully afraid of what would happen if he did not build the ark. If we had more of this fear of God, we would have less fear of man. If we were more afraid of losing heaven, we would be less fearful of losing this world.

He prepared an ark. Noah found grace, but he had to build the ark. Grace never exempts us from duty or excuses us from responsibility. Rather it is the grace of God that enables us to carry forward the work of God. Often we seek to promote the work of God by man's culture rather than God's grace. In contrast to Noah's safety in the ark of his own building, we are safe in the ark God has provided through the atonement of His dear Son. Let us be sure we are in Him.

He saved his house. Before we give way to helpless despair in the matter of rearing a family in the moral cesspool of our times, let us realize the twentieth century is no worse than the days in which Noah reared his three sons. God's grace is still extended to us today. But being brought up in a Christian home, taking part in church services, and going along with the religious crowd is not enough. Our children must know the saving grace of Jesus Christ. They must be *born again*.

He condemned the world. Was it Noah that set in motion the wheels of divine retribution? No, he condemned the world by being saved out of it! God is no respecter of persons. Therefore, if Noah could be saved, all could have been. The same door through which Noah entered into the ark was open to all who would believe. If the people of Noah's generation had heeded his preaching, repented of their sins, and followed his godly example, they too would have been safe when the storm broke. These people perished not just because of their wickedness but also because of their foolishness. Their sin made them senseless; they "knew not until the flood came, and took them all away."

He became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. He inherited a righteousness that could never be the product of his own goodness; rather his goodness was the result of his inherited righteousness. The grace of God gives to the recipient not only a standing in Christ's righteousness before God, but a righteousness that is demonstrative before this present world.

Jesus said, "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:37). Are you ready for the last trumpet to sound? Are you in the place of safety? What would happen to you if suddenly you were called to stand before God? You may accept God's grace by faith in Jesus Christ today, if you will. ←←

A Proclamation

Recognizing that God has blessed our Bible and liberal arts colleges as channels of inspiration, instruction, and evangelism; and

Eagerly desiring to lay a firm foundation for the future growth of our movement by adding to the number of Bible-trained, spirit-filled ministers and laymen; therefore

We, by action of the General Presbytery, do hereby proclaim 1963 to be "Attend an Assemblies of God College Year" with a goal of enrolling two thousand new students.

For Information Write to—
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Assemblies of God
1445 Boonville, Springfield 2, Mo. *65802



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS

Does the judgment of the great harlot in Revelation 17 refer to the Catholic Church?

Many believe the harlot represents the head of religious apostasy, and view it as ecclesiastical Rome dominating particularly in matters religious. The system comes to its end when the Beast (Antichrist) demands that political and religious power should center in him.

A speaker said the "lice" brought upon Egypt were not lice but mosquitoes (Exodus 8:16). Do you agree?

There seems to be some uncertainty as to the meaning of the Hebrew word which is translated *lice*. I believe the *Septuagint Version*, a Greek translation of the Old Testament, favors the term *mosquitoes*. If *mosquitoes* be correct, the miracle is all the greater. Mosquitoes are brought forth in marshy places, but the plague was brought forth from the dust of dry ground!

What is the difference between "sickness" and "disease"? The Bible says Jesus healed all manner of sickness and disease (Matthew 9:35 and 10:1).

According to the Analytical Concordance, there seems to be as little difference between these terms in Hebrew or in Greek as there is in modern English. The same Hebrew word *choliy* is used for sickness and disease; it also means malady, calamity, grief, anxiety. The Greek word commonly used for sickness is *nosos* meaning sickness, malady, disease, infirmity, disability. The Greek word usually translated "disease" is *malakia* which denotes softness, enervation, debility, disease.

What is the standard of the Assemblies of God concerning dress, hair styles, amusements, etc.?

An organization cannot rule on every new fad or fashion that may develop, but there are principles which will guide those who wish to live holy lives. The Bible teaches: "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). This means that any who wish to walk in holiness will adjust their outward life so as to have a "conscience void of offense toward God, and toward man." Principles of dress are given in 1 Timothy 2:9, 10. Concerning appearance and entertainment, let Christians ask themselves: "What would Jesus do? Am I following things that set me forth as an example of godliness, or do I portray lightness and artificiality?"

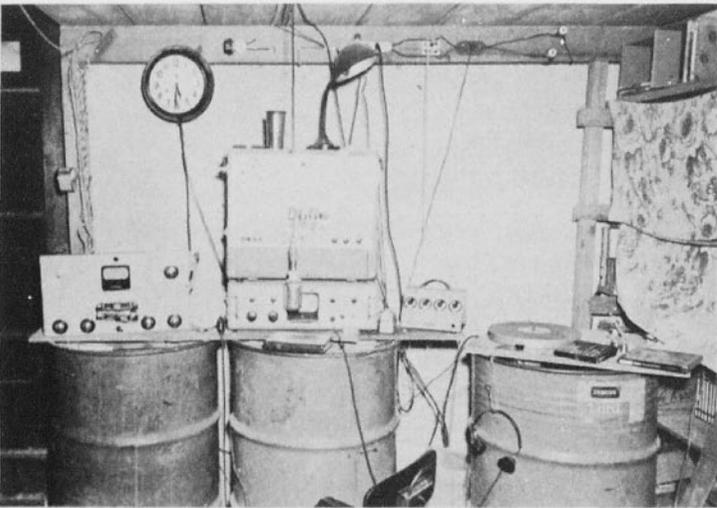
I have read a tract against "telling the Lord's secrets," which indicates that, if we tell before the promise is fulfilled, the blessing may not come. How do you feel about this?

No doubt there is good advice in the tract you mention, although I do not know that Satan secures secret information not known to him before when he hears you tell what God has revealed to your heart. It is probable that some are too hasty in speaking of the things the Lord has promised. Impressions may come as a fruit of human desire as well as from the Lord. If we wait until the answer comes before mentioning the secret that is in our heart, there will be no danger of embarrassment if the answer is delayed or denied. However, when Paul told the men on the ship they would be saved, he spoke the secret the Lord had given him (Acts 27:21-26). To have God impress His will on our hearts is very sacred and should not be spread abroad unless some useful purpose is served thereby.

*If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield 2, Missouri *65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.*



Paul Finkenbinder, known to listeners as Hermano Pablo, tapes a radio broadcast.



La Iglesia del Aire began in 1955 in Brother Finkenbinder's garage with the tape recorder placed on a missionary barrel.



Now Brother Finkenbinder and his national assistant prepare broadcast tapes in a modern sound-proof room.

'La Iglesia del Aire'

"The Church of the Air" is the only daily gospel network program throughout Latin America

By Marion Craig

ANGRILY THE TWO CHILDREN TWISTED THE RADIO DIAL, each anxious to hear his favorite program. Suddenly a joyful song interrupted their bickering. The theme of "La Iglesia del Aire" (The Church of the Air) filled the little straw shack. Alfredo, their father, painfully raised himself on his mat in the corner to listen. What was this beautiful song? He had never heard it before.

The song was followed by a message of healing. Alfredo had sought a miracle of healing through his Roman Catholic faith. This had failed. When the evangelical preacher prayed, faith rose in Alfredo's heart. He literally leaped from his mat, healed!

Today Alfredo is serving Christ. His hut and yard in El Salvador have become a meeting place where regular services are conducted and more than fifty attend Sunday school.

Alfredo is but one of the 15,000,000 Latins to whom La Iglesia del Aire is beamed each week. This fifteen-minute program, broadcast over twenty-two stations in nine countries six days a week, is the only gospel network program that is heard daily in all Latin America. In addition, LARE (Latin American Radio Evangelism) produces a televised series, "The Bible in Drama."

It all started in 1955 with the vision of one missionary.

LARE began in Missionary Paul Finkenbinder's garage in San Salvador, El Salvador. The first tape of La Iglesia del Aire was made on a Webcor recorder mounted on a missionary barrel.

From the first broadcast God's blessing was evident. Letters like the following began to arrive:

"After hearing the messages of La Iglesia del Aire, I decided to give my heart to God." (Valparaiso, Chile.)

Now, more than 300 letters are received monthly from listeners who are in need of prayer, counsel, or just

friendship. Nearly every day letters like this arrive from new listeners:

"Permit me, Brother Paul, to give you a testimony in respect to my wife. She never felt inclined to the gospel until the Lord caused her to hear one of your messages. She continued to listen and now listens every day. She accompanies me to church at every opportunity. Your messages have let her see the Light." (Dominican Republic.)

Missionary Paul Finkenbinder, known to the radio audience as "Hermano Pablo" (Brother Paul) is the radio speaker. LARE has a staff of five: Brother and Sister Finkenbinder, Barbara Pawlick, secretary from Costa Mesa, California, and two national assistants.

Of the six weekly broadcasts two are devoted to evangelistic sermons, one deals with moral questions, and another answers pertinent Bible problems. The remaining two are given to Scripture readings, Christian poetry, and gospel music.

In response to letters from the unconverted, a Gospel of John and evangelical literature are sent. A Bible course is also offered on the Gospel of John. Five hundred are currently enrolled in this twelve-lesson course. Recently the one hundredth diploma was awarded.

The mail brings many prayer requests from listeners. To give each of them sincere attention a League of Prayer has been organized. Each Monday morning local Assemblies of God pastor's join the LARE staff at the studio to pray. These pastors also take the requests to their respective congregations at the Wednesday evening prayer services. And, God hears and answers!

"With much joy I write to tell you that God has answered my prayer." (Bogota, Colombia.)

"Receive my sincere thanks for your prayers before God for us. My son is now healed of the illness he had." (Nejapa, El Salvador.)

A monthly bulletin is printed in Spanish carrying the same name as the program. This includes evangelistic articles and testimonies and has a circulation of 2,500. On the back are printed the list of stations, hours of broadcast, and announcements. The bulletin, too, has a ministry. Often it is read by those who would not risk being ridiculed for listening to the broadcast.

"I give glory to God because the messenger has remained faithful; that is to say, the bulletin." (Guatemala.)

"My most expressive thanks for the bulletin of La Iglesia del Aire, whose contents are of great spiritual benefit for me." (Honduras.)

El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Chile, Panama, Costa Rica, and the United States—weekly from powerful stations in these nine countries this gospel broadcast is sent across Latin America by short-wave radio. Requests for the program are on file from stations in Guatemala, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Argentina, and Colombia—six open doors that have not been entered because of lack of funds.

La Iglesia del Aire is now recorded in a special sound-proof room in the LARE office. Thanks to Speed-the-Light, professional Ampex tape recorders and other necessary equipment have been purchased. After the initial tapes are made they are sent to copiers to make duplicates for the twenty-two stations releasing the broadcast.

From its humble beginnings in a missionary's garage,



Members of the League of Prayer meet each Monday to pray for the requests sent in by radio listeners.



The radio staff prepares the monthly bulletin which is printed in Spanish and has a circulation of 2,500.

La Iglesia del Aire has grown to be a powerful evangelistic arm of the Assemblies of God in Latin America. However, with the growth of its outreach has come a parallel growth in budget. It now takes \$2,000 each month to meet LARE's needs. This involves tapes, station time, salaries, rent of the studio and office, printing, postage, and equipment repairs.

Each month listeners contribute about \$80 from their meager earnings. One writes:

"I felt fervent desire to send you an offering from the first time I heard your program, La Iglesia del Aire. I will continue to send offerings." (El Salvador.)

But fervent desire is not enough. LARE must have your help if it is to maintain its present evangelistic ministry and enter new doors of opportunity. LARE's future is as bright as your prayers and financial support.

SEND FOREIGN MISSIONARY OFFERINGS TO
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

1445 BOONVILLE AVE., SPRINGFIELD 2, MO. *65802

An Acid Test

Sunday School Lesson for June 23, 1963
1 KINGS 22:18-28; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-4

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

JEHOSHAPHAT'S FOLLY (1 Kings 22:1-5)

Godly Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, in response to a request from wicked Ahab, king of Israel, decided upon an unscriptural course of action—that of joining forces with Ahab against Syria. Even so, he eased his conscience by seeming interested in having God's approval upon his plans.

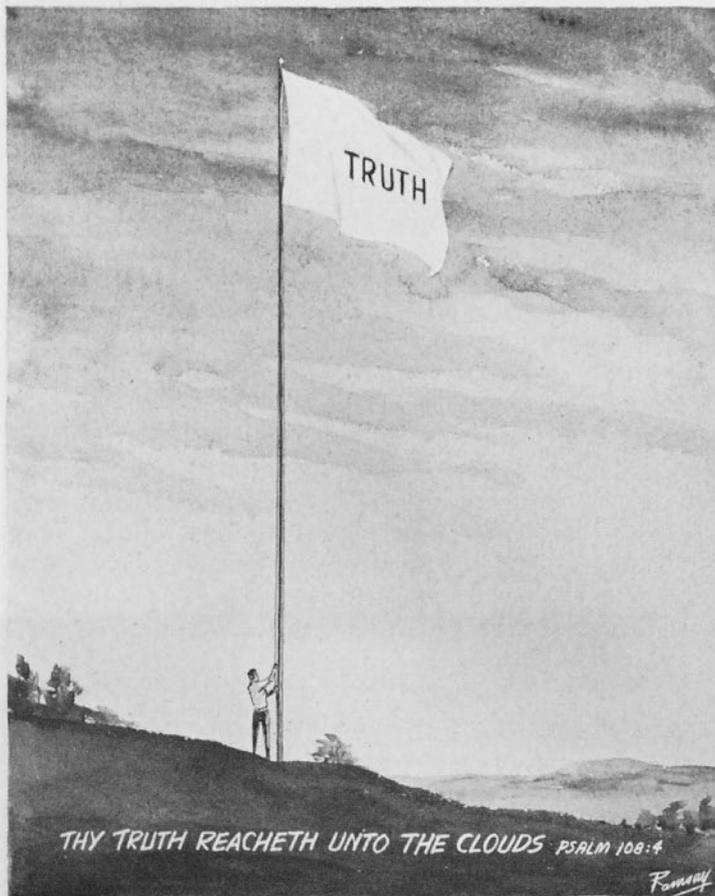
FALSE PROPHETS' DECEPTION (1 Kings 22:6)

Ahab obliged him by summoning four hundred of his own false prophets who very agreeably sanctioned the proposed campaign against Syria and promised success. Like many a modernistic preacher today, these men would certainly not preach anything objectionable or unpopular!

AHAB'S PERVERSITY (1 Kings 22:7-12)

Jehoshaphat undoubtedly detected a false note in the message of Ahab's prophets and asked if there was anyone else of whom they might inquire. Said Ahab: "There is yet one man, Micaiah... but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil."

FLAG OF THE CHRISTIAN



What a tribute to Micaiah—that he was not classed with the others!

Ahab's hatred of the prophet reveals once again the perversity of human nature! Often we dislike the person whose righteous life is a rebuke to our own, or the person whose consecration and dedication to God contrasts our own worldliness! We are too proud to appreciate the person who tells us the truth in order to help us, and too foolish to realize that flattery only blinds our eyes to a true estimate of ourselves and of right standards (Proverbs 27:6; Psalm 141:5)!

MICAIAH'S COURAGE (1 Kings 22:13, 14)

When invited to fall in line with popular sentiment and to speak what the king wanted to hear, Micaiah resolutely determined to speak only that which the Lord directed!

Ahab demanded the truth, yet proved he did not want to obey it. Therefore God permitted him to be deceived into following the false preaching of his false prophets!

MICAIAH'S CONDEMNATION (1 Kings 22:15-28)

When Micaiah predicted the defeat of Israel and the death of Ahab, the enraged king commanded the faithful prophet to be thrown into prison! This suggests a solemn truth. One of the most wholesome things a Christian can possess is a love for the truth and a willingness to obey it at any cost. Micaiah demonstrated this quality. On the other hand, when we trifle with the truth as did Ahab we leave ourselves open to all kinds of self-deception (and deception by seducing spirits). Ahab illustrates the depths to which men may sink when once they begin to compromise with the truth of God!

Micaiah's conduct suggests the following practical lessons:

1. *Be Truthful* (Colossians 3:9). In business relations, in social relations, in school, at play, in church, in all spheres of life, be truthful! It may cost something, as it did in the case of Micaiah, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, Jesus, and many others; but it pays eternal dividends, as well as the present satisfaction of a good conscience and the sense of God's approval.

2. *Do Not Follow the Crowd!* Though he was one against four hundred, Micaiah refused to be untrue to his convictions. Young people especially are tempted to disregard the voice of conscience because "everybody else is doing it." Remember Christ's words to Peter when that disciple was concerned about what the other disciple would do: "What is that to thee? follow thou me."

3. *Do Not Fight Facts!* In his heart Ahab knew that the false prophets were not telling the truth. In spite of his dislike for Micaiah, he knew his message was a warning from God. Yet, for all this, he plunged right on in direct opposition to the will and warning of God! Said Maclaren: "Men are very foolish beings; and there is no greater mark of their folly than the conscious and oft-repeated fact that the clearest vision of the consequences of a course of conduct is powerless to turn a man back from it, when once his passions, or his will, or worse, his weakness and habits have bound him to it." The secret of overcoming is always, as it was with Micaiah, "I saw the Lord."

NO SUSPENSE STORY THIS. NO HIDDEN DENOUEMENT. Right from the start—suitably attired, lamp in hand—five of the ten virgins in our Lord's parable were pronounced "silly." And since the parable is prophetic of the kingdom of heaven, we can scarcely deny that there is a staggering proportion of *silliness*—or foolishness, to return to the King James Version—among us today.

Foolishness is not a temperamental handicap. It is a mark of immaturity. "Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child," states Proverbs 22:15, "but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." Foolishness is without excuse. Daily and hourly life presents us with the makings of spiritual manhood. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth," reminds the apostle Paul, "and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" (Hebrews 12:6). But Paul is faithful to point out that such discipline is optional. "If ye endure chastening. . .," he says. And thereby hangs the tale.

Refusal of inner, hidden culture is symbolized in ev-



FIVE WERE SILLY

BY MARY J. TREGENZA



ery facet of the foolish virgins' behavior. While their physical appearance was obviously in conformity, there had been no vital transfiguration from within—the transfiguration Paul speaks about in Romans 12:2. It is relatively easy, you know, to refuse to let the world squeeze you into its mold and then let the church do it. The result—convictionless carbon copies of a cult of separation. I say it to my shame, I had been in the church for more than a dozen years before I began to grow personal convictions on such matters as entertainment and dress. And it only began when my Father crowded me to Himself in the discipline of isolation.

I am convinced there was some material difference in the foolish bridesmaids' lamps. They were without a reserve flask such as the lamps of the wise appeared to have. J. B. Phillips encourages me in this by his translation of Matthew 25:3, 4: "The silly ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. But the sensible ones brought their lamps and oil in their flasks as well." Assuming that the lamp speaks of the individual capacity for God, we are faced again with the self-imposed limitations of these foolish girls and perhaps our own self-imposed limitations as well.

Where do we go when the family or the flock is especially trying, the vital personalities in our group oppose us, and we are seriously misunderstood? Do we hurry to the oblivion of a novel, or head for a favorite restaurant with sympathetic friends? The psalmist hurried to the sanctuary of the Spirit to learn the redemptive value of his suffering. "Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress," was his later tribute to the discipline of strain and misunderstanding.

It is impossible to ignore the lack of moral honesty in the foolish five. "Our lamps are going out," was the *verbal* truth; but the *moral* truth would have been, "I

forgot to bring enough oil." The inadequate church, the impoverished pulpit—these are the commonest excuses for lack of spiritual vigor. But the moral truth is in the fact that we have failed to create the rhythm of a healthy hunger and thirst for God. We should not wait for the urge. It may never come. If you were without a physical appetite you would cultivate one or die. The Bible, if you approach it with a reverent desire *to be*, rather than *to know*, will create its own appetite. The morning tryst with the Lord and His Word may seem like a tomb at first, but one morning you will look in "and see angels sitting!"

We must not make the mistake of thinking that the foolish virgins never before had trimmed their lamps or replenished their oil supply. In the stimulus of routine circumstances this was the accepted behavior pattern. Everybody did it. But true character is revealed in irregular situations. Faced with the joyous fact of a wedding supper they abandoned their usual routine. How

often we see our own tendencies mirrored in the foolish five. Certainly we cultivate Christ in the face of tragedy and death. But do we make room for Him in the hours of exquisite joy?

Parasitical tendencies are extremely obvious in the five foolish ones. Their first reaction was *to borrow* and not *to buy*. One writer has dared to suggest that women were selected for the leading roles here to show how intimately their parasitical tendencies were known to Christ! Unfortunately both sexes have succumbed to the virus. Many Christians live on borrowed blessings. They warm their souls in the glow of other believers' spiritual fervor.

The personality cult has invaded the church. Experiences with God that are dependent on people and meetings are not worthy of the name. There are moments ordained by God when the artificial heat of the human sympathy of just one friend disturbs the climate of soul He has brought about for a delicate impress on the human spirit. May we learn to go to Him first rather than borrow from others.

And so we come to the parable's saddest words, "I know you not." This obviously is a statement of *degrece*. He knew them—perhaps by name—certainly by conduct. Is He not the Lord who watched them disqualify themselves for this very moment by their response to the circumstances of life? Does He not walk, even this hour, in the midst of the churches with eyes that penetrate the heart?

Foolishness, in the Bible sense, cannot be excused as though it were a temperamental trait or an inherent handicap. The door to an intimate, bridal-supper relationship with the Lord was irrevocably shut because of a self-imposed immaturity.

It could be shut, on the same grounds, to you. ◀◀◀

Michigan District's Breakthrough Projects

Result from MF, WMC, and Home Missions Teamwork

By **EVERETT D. COOLEY**
Superintendent of the Michigan District

THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD has entered wholeheartedly into the *Breakthrough* program of the National Home Missions Department, along with the other districts of the nation.

During the past several months the district has pooled its resources in order to establish several new assemblies. Each department of the district has had some part in the progress accomplished. Several new assemblies have been initiated, among them Warren, Southfield, Clare, Onaway, St. Helen and Lansing. The latest assembly was launched April 7 in the Montague-Whitehal. area.

The city of *Warren*, with a population of 116,500 and known as one of the fastest-growing cities in Michigan, presented itself as a real challenge to "Breakthrough." Located just north of the Detroit limits, it occupies an area of thirty-six square miles. The Home Missions Department of the District accepted this challenge, calling upon other departments and other assemblies to join the "Breakthrough" team to accomplish a work for God.

Fred Smolchuck, presbyter of the section and pastor of the Detroit Evangel Assembly, was asked to serve as leader in this project. The first service was held in a centrally located school auditorium on February 18, 1962, with 120 present. Many of these came from other assemblies cooperating in the effort. Continual help was rendered by the members of the Detroit Evangel Assembly.



This former Episcopal Church is now the Assembly of God in Clare, Mich. John Wibley (inset) has accepted the challenge of this city.



This "breakthrough" sign at Warren, Mich., shows the future site for a new Assembly. Fred Smolchuck (inset) is leader of this project.

During the year we purchased four and one-half acres at a cost of \$25,000 as the future site for the assembly. The Home Missions Department has given \$7,589.61 to this project. The Women's Missionary Council gave \$1,500 of its Penny Pints income and the Men's Fellowship gave \$711 from its Minute Men project. The Presbyter Board authorized the erection of a building and appropriated nearly \$20,000 to begin construction.

A fine nucleus of people has been gathered together in the Warren area. Weekly prayer services are being held in the homes of interested folk. The congregation has started a building fund and has collected \$292.31, besides giving nearly \$1,000 towards the current operating expenses.

John Wibley, son of one of our Michigan pastors and a 1962 graduate of North Central Bible College, accepted the challenge of the city of *Clare*, located in the central part of our district. The Oil City Assembly and the Gladwin Assembly have each designated a monthly offering to assist in this project. The Port Huron Assembly has also made a commitment to assist.

Upon investigation of the Clare area we found a building owned by the Episcopal Church, partially complete, which we were able to purchase. Once again the MF responded to our call for assistance. The prospects for a strong assembly here are excellent. The recent



Through the assistance of the Minute Men this Lutheran Church in Onaway now houses the Assembly of God. Arthur Hambleton is pastor.

addition of a radio program has added to the progress of the work.

A small group of Pentecostal people in the extreme northern part of our district invited me to meet with them in a private home. Together we laid plans for beginning an assembly in their town, *Onaway*. They called Arthur Hambleton from Canada to serve as pastor. First a house was purchased, through the assistance of the Home Missions Department, to be used as a meeting place, as well as to serve as a parsonage. From the very beginning this arrangement was inadequate and so when the opportunity came a Lutheran Church building was purchased. The Minute Men responded once again to the call and supplemented available Home Missions funds to bring this to pass. We now have a fine congregation as a result of the "Breakthrough" effort in this northern town.

St. Helen is located in the north central area of the district. A small group of Pentecostal people had been holding services in this village and had been able to erect a church building. This group requested affiliation



This church at St. Helen, Mich., is now affiliated with the Assemblies of God. Nelson Weiker (inset) is pastor.

with the Assemblies of God, asking that we give them pastoral care. Funds were needed to clear title to the property and to bring up to date the delinquent mortgage payments. The Home Missions Department, with the help of the Minute Men, was able to meet this need. Nelson Weiker assumed the pastoral responsibilities. A parsonage has been secured and the assembly has been strengthened. The congregation now rejoices that a Pentecostal testimony is being maintained in this area.

An outstanding "Breakthrough" project is that which has been instituted by the Lansing Mt. Hope Assembly. The congregation, together with the pastor, Carl Graves, chose a good area about five miles removed from their assembly and set out to secure property for the erection of another Assembly of God in the city of *Lansing*. The story concerning how we obtained this property speaks of the miracle-working power of God. The Mt. Hope Assembly has carried the entire financial load in the erection of a lovely edifice, which is soon to be dedicated. Charles Ford, having been associated with the Mt. Hope Assembly, will serve as pastor of this church. Already prayer services are being held and in-



Norman Muhling

terest is running high as we near the time of the opening.

Norman Muhling, a 1962 graduate of Central Bible Institute, in conjunction with the Home Missions Department, started services in the newly formed city of *Southfield*, located in the northwest suburbs of Detroit. This area has a population of some 35,000. The Masonic Hall has been rented for Sunday services. A fine group of people is being gathered from this community. We feel that an investment of Home Missions funds for this area will be worthwhile. As soon as possible property will be considered for locating a church building in this city. The Men's Fellowship has designated its first Minute Men call for 1963 for this area.

In Michigan we have found that results come sooner and easier through teamwork. *The Breakthrough Program is the best opportunity for such teamwork.* We are thanking God for new opportunities for preaching the gospel in pioneer fields. There are yet many areas of our district where we do not have an assembly. By working together we will be able to reach the unreached with the Pentecostal message.

Home Missions Day Materials Available for July 14 Services

HOME MISSIONS DAY WILL BE OBSERVED OVER THE NATION July 14. Its purpose is to emphasize the Seven Special Ministries of the National Home Missions Department. This year's theme is, "Reach These Too."

Opening services for July 14 suggested in *The Superintendent's Planner* feature the seven Special Ministry groups: Alaskans, American Indians, Jews, the Deaf, the Blind, Foreign Language groups, and Prisoners. (Teen Challenge operates under the Prison Division.)

Free materials to help you promote your Sunday school and church services are available as follows from the National Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield 2, Mo. *65802:

- () "Special Ministries" booklet (available in limited quantity)
 - () Suggested church service and statistics
 - () "The Young Alaskan" (illustrated story for children)
 - () Script for use with puppets suggested in *The Superintendent's Planner*
 - () Bulletins for service program
- Available on a freewill offering basis:
- () The Unknown Indian (30-minute film in color)
 - () Journey to Indianland (110 slides)
 - () Alaska—Formidable Frontier (101 slides)

The film or slide sets must be scheduled three to four weeks in advance of the date needed, since the supply is limited.

Name _____

Address _____

Church _____

(Please order at once to be sure you will have the materials on the date needed.)



NEW RECORD FEATURES CHOIR AND C. M. WARD

SITTING SOMEWHERE IN A BLEAK BED-
room, a widow wonders why she must
be left alone. Across town a dedicated
teen-ager yearn to know what the
Lord wills for his life, while a restless
young adult looks for the "peace that
passeth understanding." In a moment
of time these same persons—despond-
ent, wondering or restless—can find
strength and the answer to some of
their problems as the strains of "God
Will Take Care of You" float into
their separate rooms.

This is just one of the selections
included in the latest and most unusual
Revivaltime release. Eight inspiring
devotionals by radio speaker C. M.
Ward, with accompanying songs by
the *Revivaltime* choir and Scripture
readings by the *Revivaltime* narrator
and producer, D. V. Hurst, make this
album a valuable addition to your rec-
ord library.

Brother Ward's messages selected
for this Word release are: "Leave It
There," "Little Things," "Too Cau-
tious," "Advice Unasked For Is Advice



C. M. Ward

Unappreciated," "The Shield of Faith,"
"Doing Does It," "Make Allowances,"
and "Investments." In addition to the
devotional selections, there are eight
songs by the *Revivaltime* choir blend-
ing in with the devotional themes. The
vocal numbers are: "God Will Take
Care of You," "Give Him the Glory,"

"Trust and Obey," "My Lord Knows
the Way," "He's a Wonderful Saviour,"
"Marching On," "By My Spirit," and
"Send the Light."

Past correspondence in response to
the four other *Revivaltime* records,
like this letter from an Asbury Col-
lege student, Wilmore, Ky., reveal
such a record's spiritual value: "Just
a few lines to let you know how much
of a blessing your two Word records
have been to me. They have been
more of an inspiration each time I
have played them, and I assure you
that they have been played until al-
most worn out."

A serviceman's wife in Puerto Rico
comments: "It wasn't the *Revivaltime*
Radio broadcast that was of help to
me, but the records instead. We are
stationed at Ramsey Air Force Base
and no one can pick up *Revivaltime*
in this area of Puerto Rico.

"I found, since coming to Puerto
Rico, it is very true that overseas it
is hard to stay as close to God as
at home.

"When you're away from your home
church and all its influences on your
life and find you are in a place with
few if any Christian friends, it is quite
an adjustment. That's why I was
homesick at first for all those things
my *Revivaltime* choir album repre-
sented. I could never tell you how
much the records mean to me. My
husband works shifts and we live
twenty miles off the base. I very sel-
dom can attend any chapel or other
church service. So, on Sunday morn-
ings, I play my choir records and feel
as though I've almost been to church."

A nurse in California writes: "I am
listening to the *Revivaltime* record as
I write. We have ten elderly women
here in this rest home and how they

I am a regular listener to the REVIVALTIME broadcast and especially enjoy
the program's musical ministry. I am interested in receiving new
"REVIVALTIME Devotions with C. M. Ward." Enclosed is \$..... Hi-fi only, \$3.98.
.....Please send me a brochure listing other records available from
REVIVALTIME.

Name

Street

City State

REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD 1, MISSOURI *65801

love this record. It's going to get worn out.

"Everyday they want me to play it. So I play it in the mornings while I'm working, and then in the evenings after supper."

The comments presented here are just a few of the many favorable remarks sent in by *Revivaltime* friends around the world. You, too, may share with the countless thousands who already own *Revivaltime* records. If you would like to purchase your personal copy of "Revivaltime Devotions by C. M. Ward" or any of the other choir albums—in either stereo or hi-fi—clip out the attached coupon and mail to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

Don't Count on TOMORROW!

By George Sweeting

"TOMORROW" IS A FITTING EPITAPH FOR many tombstones!

Long ago, a child prince asked his tutor to prepare him for the life beyond. "There is plenty of time for that when you are old," the tutor replied.

"No," answered the prince, "I have been to the cemetery and measured the graves; and there are many shorter than I."

A number of years ago a cartoon appeared in three parts. In the first scene there is a young man seated at a desk. At his shoulder Jesus Christ is

standing, inviting him to be saved. He politely tells the Lord that he is just launching his career and has no time for anything else.

The second scene shows a middle-aged man. He is heavier now, well-dressed, and his desk is larger and covered with papers and reports. Again Christ stands at his elbow and reminds him to think of his eternal soul. But again he gives the same answer—no time . . . too busy . . . TOMORROW.

The last picture shows him as an old man, thin, stooped, and grey. He is hunched over the same desk. This time, at his shoulder stands not the Saviour but the gaunt bony spectre of Death. Speaking in hollow tones, Death says, "I have come for you." The aged man with frightened eyes says, "Go away, Death, I did not send for you." But Death refuses to be sent away, and the sinner dies in his sin.

Tomorrow is the road that leads to the town called Never. *Tomorrow* is the locked door that shuts people out of heaven. *Tomorrow* is Satan's word. Those who expect to repent tomorrow usually die today. Don't count on tomorrow!

Be ready—*What for?* "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

Be ready—*Why?* "We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Romans 14:10).

Be ready—*How?* "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

Be ready—*When?* "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Now, now—not tomorrow!

—American Tract Society

A PUZZLE FOR YOUNG READERS

BY DICK CHAMPION

CODE MESSAGE

The following message is in code. Can you decipher its meaning? Here's the key to the code:

A=Z; B=Y; C=X; D=W; E=V; F=U; G=T; H=S; I=R; J=Q; K=P;

L=O; M=N. (If A stands for Z in the code, then Z stands for A, and so on.)

MESSAGE

L OLIW, SLD NZMRULOW ZIV GSB DLIPH! RM DRHWN
SZHG GSLF NZWV GSVN ZOO: GSV VZIGS RH UFOO
LU GSB IRXSVH.

(To check your answer, look up Psalm 104:24.)

Serving our Servicemen

Warren F. McPherson, Servicemen's Representative

CONTACT is regularly maintained with thousands of servicemen around the world through Assemblies of God military chaplains or pastor. A partial listing of installations being served as follows:

We are ministering to Servicemen stationed at—

Missouri—Fort Leonard Wood
Jefferson Barracks V. A. Hospital
Kansas City V. A. Hospital
Lambert Airport, St. Louis
Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Kansas City
Robertson Naval Air Base
St. Louis Coast Guard Station
Whiteman Air Force Base, Warrensburg
Montana—Fort Harrison V. A. Hospital
Malstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls
Nebraska—Lincoln Naval Air Base
Lincoln V. A. Hospital
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha
Nevada—Naval Aux. Air Station, Fallon
Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas
New Hampshire—Pease Air Force Base
U.S. Naval Base, Portsmouth
New Jersey—Fort Dix
Fort Hancock
Fort Monmouth
Highlands AC&WS
Lakehurst Naval Air Station
McGuire Air Force Base
New Mexico—Albuquerque V. A. Hospital
Canon Air Force Base, Clovis
Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo
Kirtland Air Force Base
Sandia Base, Albuquerque
New York—Bath V. A. Hospital
Buffalo V. A. Hospital
Castle Point V. A. Hospital
Griffiss Air Force Base
Plattsburg Air Force Base
Romulus Army Base
St. Albans Naval Hospital
Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh
New Mexico—Holloman Air Force Base
North Carolina—Camp Lejeune
Cape Hatteras Naval Photo Facility
Cape Point Coast Guard Station
Fort Bragg
Organ Inlet
Pope Air Force Base
USMC, Cherry Point

WATCH THE EVANGEL for the next listing of installations in North Dakota, Ohio, Okinawa, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Scotland, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas.

RUSH ADDRESSES of your servicemen assigned to these installations to the Servicemen's Division. A minister will be requested to contact him. Or, send your servicemen's address no matter where he is stationed. He will receive personal correspondence, AT EASE, REVEILLE, and other special services from the Servicemen's Division.

ALL SERVICES of the Servicemen's Division are free of charge. This ministry is supported by freewill offerings which are income tax deductible and receive missionary credit. Address all correspondence to:

SERVICEMEN'S DIVISION

1445 BOONVILLE AVENUE
SPRINGFIELD 2, MISSOURI *65802

Summer Special!

Pentecostal Evangel

20 WEEKS FOR \$1.00

SEND THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL TO YOUR FRIENDS

- Enter (or renew) my own subscription
 - Enclosed find \$ _____
 - Charge to me
- Regular U.S. rate \$2.50 a year; in Canada \$3.00; foreign \$4.25

Please send The Pentecostal Evangel to the following—

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____

MY NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

Circulation Department
 1445 BOONVILLE SPRINGFIELD, MO.

Our Church Doubled in Three Months

"No young person attended our services more than twice without getting saved."

By **CHARLES WHITE**
 Pastor, First Assembly, Decatur, Illinois

"LORD, HELP US TO BE worthy to partake of these sacred elements Thou hast set before us." Having ended the message and prayed that November morning, I looked toward the young people who sat together on the second and third rows of seats. "Before we receive Communion this morning, let me remind you that only those who know the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour are eligible to receive these elements in remembrance of Him. If there are any here who would like to accept Christ as Saviour, would you step out from your seats just now?"



Charles White

Listening to the Holy Spirit, four young ladies came to the altar to receive Christ. It was with great joy the church received the bread and cup that morning.

The service ended and most of the people left. A few minutes later the church door opened and there stood Mrs. Williams with Ronda and Sue Nanna, who exclaimed, "We had to come back and give our hearts to Jesus." God had answered prayer again!

It all began one month earlier when six Christian teen-agers and their parents had come to help organize a new work. We encouraged these young people and the church body to pray for a specific number to be saved, and each week the church would band in unity believing. The first week of prayer was for one. Danny came to the Lord the following Sunday night. Our young people came to me after the

service and with tears of joy said, "It works, pastor!"

Continual encouragement was given to pray that a definite number would be saved each week. The following week, after a morning sermon that seemed to bounce back as each word was spoken, the benediction was given and the service dismissed. No altar call was given and none was saved. At the conclusion of the evening message, before the altar call was given, Judy came forward—followed by her husband. After the service Judy came to me and said, "Pastor, I wanted to get saved this morning, but you didn't give an altar call." She began to cry and told me of her desire to see her parents and sister saved.

"Lord, save four next week in the special service" was the prayer of each person in the church. On October 28, the young people helped in presenting an illustrated sermon, "The Great White Throne Judgment." When the opportunity was given to come to Christ, our two sons, Chuck and Jeff, along with Charlene and Ray, came forward and received Christ. God had answered prayer!

The following week during the Communion service four teen-agers were saved. This was the first time these young people had been in our services. One was Judy's sister Janet. All came to know Christ around the same altar where their names had been mentioned in prayer the week before. Sue and Ronda Nanna had come back to the church after going two miles toward home—they wanted Jesus! The blessings of God were being poured upon us as the windows of heaven were opened.



Sue Nanna:
 "Church has a different meaning now—it means being able to worship God and to do more for Him. I truly love my Lord for saving my soul and filling me with the Holy Spirit."



Linda Nanna:
 "I ask the Lord to help me through the day, and to keep me from doing what is wrong. Without the Lord, I wouldn't know what to do. The Lord has filled me with His love."

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Decatur	First	June 23-30	Joel Palmer	Melton O. Bruce
Ark.	El Dorado	Green Grove	June 16-21	Mrs. A. G. Calaway	Herbert Stratton
	West Memphis	First	June 18-30	Bob & Jeri Winford	Basil Edwards
Calif.	Salinas	Alisal	June 23-28	Charles Senechal	Joe Wright
	San Pedro	First	June 18—	David Bunch	R. I. Salzman
	Santa Rosa	Central	June 17-30	Wesley Pollet	Wesley Griggs
	Woodland	Full Gosp. Ch.	June 17-28	Orville Phillips	R. A. Wilson
Colo.	Colorado Springs	Nob Hill	June 9-23	Victor Etienne	D. L. R. Bennett
	Denver	*First	June 17—	Jerry & Joy Spain	V. J. Crews
	Denver	First	June 23-30	Jerry & Joy Spain	V. J. Crews
	Lamar	A/G	June 16-30	David S. Sandall	J. A. Stapleton
Del.	Newark	First	June 11-23	Oren & Inez Paris	Thomas Lazar
Fla.	Jacksonville	Riverview	June 16-30	Paul & Mrs. Clark	A. B. Wainwright
Ga.	Columbus	Central	June 18-30	B. R. Minton	Ulus Luker
Ill.	Gibson City	First	June 17-23	Culpepper-Gourlas Tm.	Roger Boyd
Ind.	W. Terre Haute	*First	June 17-21	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	W. F. Duncan
Iowa	Ames	A/G	June 18-30	Larry Allbaugh	Norman Tosten
	Camanche	A/G	June 16-30	K. E. Matschulat	H. W. Norman
	Decorah	A/G	June 18-30	Arthur & Anna Berg	C. E. Tuton
	Indianola	A/G	June 16-30	Linfield Crowder	Samuel Reaves
Mich.	Southfield	First	June 18-23	Steve & Pat Rexroat	Norman Muhling
Minn.	Fergus Falls	A/G	June 18-23	Wes & Pat Larson	Roland H. Dean
Mont.	Bozeman	First	June 11-16	Warren Litzman	Alfred Redmond
Nebr.	Norfolk	*A/G	June 23-30	Kathleen Jennings	Nolan Blakkolb
N. H.	Nashua	*A/G	June 17-23	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	Joseph Bennett
N. Y.	Elmira Heights	Glad Tidings Ch.	June 5—	Johnny Barton	Eddie Lowmaster
N. C.	Statesville	Winston Avenue	June 11-23	Frank Martin	Robert E. Gibson
Ohio	Columbus	Calvary Temple	June 16-30	Dave Tonn	L. E. Loretz
Okla.	Bokoshe	First	June 23-July 7	Hazel Burns	R. L. Duncan
	Frederick	First	June 18-30	Musical Rogers	C. E. Mains
	Oklahoma City	Maranatha	June 23-July 7	Fisher-Cheek Team	Mrs. G. DeGraffenreid
	Seminole	First	June 16—	Bob Huie	Paul Savage
	Tulsa	Berryhill	June 16—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Walsa Mae Foxx
Pa.	Alum Bank	Pleasantville	June 18-30	Daniel Summa	Elwood S. Bell
	Moosic	*Full Gospel Tab.	June 17-23	Rebecca Beisel	Fleming VanMeter
	Shrewsbury	*Full Gospel	June 17-23	Brosey-Buchwalter Tm.	Alfred D. Boyd
Tenn.	Bristol	West Highlands	June 18-30	John & Dave Eller	J. Samuel Rasnake
	Nashville	First	June 21-23	Gene Burgess	J. B. McIntosh
Tex.	Dallas	Piedmont	June 23-30	Tommy & Darlene Beard	Joseph Raculia
Va.	Bealeton	Mt. Hermon	June 18-30	L. K. Dodge	David Messick
	Lynchburg	*First	June 17-23	Irving & Mary Howard	Irvin G. Steiding
	Windsor	Pine Grove	June 23-July 7	L. G. (Buddy) Creel	J. W. Collins
Wash.	Vancouver	Glad Tidings Ch.	June 23-30	Bob & Lillian Watters	Wayne M. Adams
Wis.	Shawano	A/G	June 18-30	The Tanner Team	Howard Flaherty

*Children's Revival

**Youth Revival

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance.

The evening service proved to be more than we had asked for. Martha Ernst and her neighbor's daughter came to know Christ. As they sought God, a heavenly language began to pour from the lips of two of the girls who had been saved that morning. The other two girls, who had never had any teaching concerning the baptism in the Holy Spirit, received the mighty infilling the following evening at a fellowship service.

Our church had doubled in number in three months!

Judy and Janet began to pray for their



Sandy Nanna:
"Jesus has shown me the way to eternal life, and the way to happiness here on earth. I love to testify for my Lord and I pray that through my words, others will find the way to Christ."



Ronda Nanna:
"Life has new meaning for me. I no longer have to have the things that once seemed so important. I now know there is Someone I can take my problems to and He will help me."

mother and she came to Christ two weeks later. Now all three are praying for their father and husband.

Sue Nanna wrote an essay in her freshman English class entitled, "My Personal Experience with Christ." Classmates, cousins, and her mother have been moved by her testimony. As a result, Mrs. Nanna has come to know Christ. Her cousins, Sandy, Pat, and Linda, have also accepted the challenge to live for Christ.

In January, following a message by Dick Champion, *C. A. Herald* Editor, two young fellows came to know Christ as personal

Classified Ads

This column is offered as a service to our readers. All ads are carefully screened before acceptance but publication of ads does not necessarily indicate endorsement of the advertisers.

RATES: 35c a word; minimum charge \$5.00. Before submitting an ad, write for complete information and copy blank. Address: Advertising Manager, THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield 2, Missouri *65802.

BIBLES REBOUND

INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN SPECIALISTS. Write for illustrated price list. Norris Bookbinders, Greenwood, Mississippi.

CHURCH FURNITURE

PEWS, PULPIT AND CHANCEL FURNITURE. Low direct prices. Early delivery. Free catalogues. Redington Company, Dept. A., Scranton 2, Pennsylvania.

HOME STUDY COURSE

PIANO TUNING QUICKLY LEARNED with home study course. Diploma granted. Write American School of Tuning, Gilroy, California.

HELP WANTED

REGISTERED NURSES, LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES—Needed for Assemblies of God affiliated homes for the aged. Contact Department of Benevolences, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield 2, Missouri *65802.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

ACCORDIONS: BUY DIRECT FROM CHRISTIAN IMPORTER. Save to 75%. Lifetime guarantee. Free accordion course. See and play Italy's finest 1963 model accordions in your home before buying. Priced from \$50.00. High trade-in allowance. Sensational payment plan. Down payment as low as five dollars. Free large color catalog. Write direct to CROWN IMPORTERS, Box 175E, Sioux City 2, Iowa.

ACCORDIONS! WORLD'S LARGEST IMPORTER offers Christian families new 1962 famous makes at savings up to 75%. Free home trial. Easy terms. Trade-ins accepted. Free lessons! Lifetime guarantee. Big catalog free. ACCORDION CORPORATION OF AMERICA, Department PV, 2003 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago 22, Illinois.

GUITARS! BIG DISCOUNTS to Christians! Famous makes. Standard or electric. Five-day home trial. Easy terms. Trade-ins. Free catalog. Write GUITAR WORLD, Department PV, 2003 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago 22, Illinois.

Saviour. Brother Champion was the speaker for the special services climaxing *Operation Saturation* sponsored by our C. A. group.

God still answers prayer. Let us pray for God to give us youth with a determination to see souls saved.

* * *

Since the article was written, Brother White reports that eight more people have been saved. The Sunday school increased by 250 per cent in just six months.

The Bible Builds Better Families-- Read it Together Daily!

A part of the program of the
National Association of Evangelicals
to "Return the Bible
to the Heart of the Nation"

CALVARY LOVE, words and music by Fred Squire. 5 EV 221 50c

CHRIST LIVETH TODAY, words and music by Fred Squire. 5 EV 222 50c

COME CLOSER TO HIS SIDE, words and music by Lois Irwin. 5 EV 281 50c

DOWN THE SAWDUST TRAIL, words and music by Millie Lou Pace. 5 EV 120 50c

DREAMS WILL ALL COME TRUE, words and music by Lorne Fox. 5 EV 400 50c

FEAR THOU NOT, words and music by Bonnie Nell McCormick. 5 EV 440 50c

GOD IS OUR REFUGE, words and music by Fred Squire. 5 EV 220 50c

HE WALKS BESIDE ME, words and music by Evangelist Danny Hope. 5 EV 360 50c

HE'S THE LORD OF GLORY, words and music by Phyllis C. Spiers. 5 EV 479 50c

HE'LL BE THERE, words and music by Bill Harmon. 5 EV 161 50c

HIS NAME IS JESUS, words and music by Evangelist Lowell Lundstrom. 5 EV 340 50c

I CAN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT THE LORD, words and music by Robert and Lillian Watters. 5 EV 407 50c

I KNOW HE'S MINE, words and music by Fred Squire. 5 EV 223 50c

I KNOW MY REDEEMER LIVETH, words and music by Evangelist Danny Hope. 5 EV 361 50c

I'LL BELIEVE FOREVERMORE, words and music by Fred Squire. 5 EV 224 50c

IT IS FINISHED, words and music by Einar Waermo. 5 EV 420 50c

IT'S IN MY HEART, words and music by Arthur Slater. 5 EV 426 50c

I'VE HAD A VISION OF JESUS, words and music by Hattie Boulware Jones. 5 EV 430 50c



I'VE GOT HEAVEN IN MY SOUL (Poor Man), words and music by Bill Harmon. 5 EV 162 50c

I WANT TO DO WHAT HE WANTS ME TO DO, words and music by Bill Harmon. 5 EV 160 50c

JESUS IS LOVELIER, words and music by Lolita Arnette. 5 EV 435 50c

JESUS IS THE ANSWER, words and music by Robert and Lillian Watters. 5 EV 408 50c

JESUS MY SAVIOUR, words and music by Evangelist Danny Hope. 5 EV 362 50c

JESUS USE ME, words and music by Billy and Jack Campbell. 5 EV 100 50c

KEEP LIVING FOR ETERNITY, words and music by Lois Irwin. 5 EV 282 50c

LEAD ME BACK TO CALVARY, words and music by Millie Lou Pace. 5 EV 121 50c

LORD WALK AMONG US, words and music by Bonnie Nell McCormick. 5 EV 441 50c

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, words and music by Lois Irwin. 5 EV 280 50c

LOVE'S MIGHTY OCEAN, words and music by Fred Squire. 5 EV 225 50c

REACH OUT AND TOUCH THE LORD, words and music by Bill Harmon. 5 EV 163 50c

SERVE HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART, words and music by Millie Lou Pace. 5 EV 122 50c

SINGING THROUGH THE SHADOWS, words and music by Evangelist Danny Hope. 5 EV 363 50c

SOMEONE TO TAKE MY PLACE, words and music by Evangelist Lowell Lundstrom. 5 EV 341 50c

SOULS, LORD, words and music by Vivian Katter. 5 EV 140 50c

STRANGER, words and music by Lois Irwin. 5 EV 283 50c

SHEET MUSIC



SWEET JESUS, words and music from Jamaica and by Paul Goodwin. 5 EV 478 50c

THAT PRECIOUS SCARRED HAND, words and music by Lucille Norman. 5 EV 454 50c

THAT'S WHY I LOVE HIM, words and music by Fred Squire. 5 EV 226 50c

THE SEARCHER OF HEARTS, words and music by Lois Irwin. 5 EV 284 50c

THE SECRETS OF THE LORD, words and music by Robert and Lillian Watters. 5 EV 409 50c

THERE IS NO ONE ELSE LIKE JESUS, words and music by Nadine Madson. 5 EV 450 50c

THIS SAME JESUS, words and music by Haldor Lillenas. 5 EV 446 50c

TOGETHER, MY LORD AND I, words and music by Lois Irwin. 5 EV 285 50c

WHEN THE LORD IS BY MY SIDE, words and music by Evangelist Lowell Lundstrom. 5 EV 342 50c

WHEN WE GET HOME, words and music by Millie Lou Pace. 5 EV 123 50c

WITHOUT HIM, words and music by Lois Irwin. 5 EV 286 50c

YOU HAVE A FRIEND, words and music by Evangelist Lowell Lundstrom. 5 EV 343 50c



CHOIR BOOKS

EVANGELISM ARRANGEMENTS, selected and compiled by Billy Souther. The compiler has done a remarkable piece of work in collecting and preparing this selection of music for the choir to use during a revival or in the regular services of the church. Contains: No Turning Back; Jesus Saves; Revive Us Again; When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder; On Jordan's Stormy Banks; Amazing Grace; Christ Arose; He Lives; When I Survey the Wondrous Cross; Power in the Blood; I will Sing the Wondrous Story. 4 EV 755 \$1.00

SPECIAL CHOIR MELODIES. Cyril McLellan, the arranger for this book, has been aranger-director for the past 8 years for the Revivaltime Choir. The arrangements are within reach of the average choir, and yet supply enough variety for more advanced choirs. 5 EV 4862 85c ea.; 6 or more 75c ea.

CHOIR MELODIES. This book contains 11 choir arrangements by outstanding musicians, including such songs as "Room at the Cross," as sung on Revivaltime; "When We See Christ," and "Jesus Holds the Keys." Choirs of all ranges should be able to master these splendid arrangements. 5 EV 4863 75c ea.; 6 or more 65c ea.

Gospel Publishing House

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI -OR- 239 EAST COLORADO BLVD., PASADENA, CALIF.
POST PAID IN U.S.A. PRICES OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES SLIGHTLY HIGHER

KING FOR A DAY



THIS IS THE DAY WHEN DAD WEARS THE CROWN. FOR twenty-four hours he sits on his throne in undisputed sovereignty. His slightest wish is the family's command. His wife serves his favorite food and his children present him with gifts. From morning to night he is the center of attention; and whether he admits it or not, he likes it. He knows they won't make so much fuss over him again until another Father's Day rolls around so he might as well enjoy it while he can.

Dad probably deserves whatever honor he gets. After all, who pays the grocery bills, and who is the household handyman? Who is the "supreme court" when differences arise? Who has the final word in important decisions? Dad is the head of the house, the captain of the ship, the president of the corporation. He carries a heavy responsibility—and if he is a *Christian* dad he deserves double honor.

God has given each father a throne and expects him to sit on it—not for just a day, but always. He wants each father to wield the scepter of authority in the home. Many fathers, unfortunately, have abdicated. They have handed the reins of government over to their wives and thereby many a tragedy has occurred. As a secular magazine writer points out:

"One trouble with marriage is plain—*nobody teaches fatherhood in America*. The American child has had, for some generations, very little experience with fathers engaged in simply being fathers. After the birth of the child the American father pretty much vanishes. He is at the office all day. At night, if he and mother are not stepping out while a 'sitter' takes over, he is probably entertaining adult friends or else is too tired to take an interest in the family. The father's affection, sympathy, understanding, leadership, and intense personal care just aren't."

A noted psychiatrist says that this female domination at home and at school, from cradle to wheelchair, has had an unmistakable effect on American manhood. "One result of this female domination is that increasing numbers of American youths are growing up to be inadequate males, as revealed during the war when so many young men had to be rejected because their mothers had made neurotics of them."

A father suffers when he abandons his God-given position in the home. He may become a stranger to his own family. He may lose their admiration and respect unless he asserts himself and summons the moral courage to be a spiritual leader. And the whole family suffers if he is too lazy or spineless to take the lead.

A father can be either a figurehead or the representative of God in his home. He can be merely a weak, passive male or he can become the priest of the family. Thank God for so many men in our Assemblies who are mounting the throne and providing spiritual leadership. They are leading their children to Christ, leading them to Sunday school, leading them in family devotions. Such men are walking in the footsteps of Abraham, of whom the Lord said: "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken of him" (Genesis 18:19).

God has a throne for every Christian father—not only in this life, but also in the life to come. Faithful men who have served the King of kings in this life will reign with Him when He sets up His eternal kingdom over all the universe. Earthly fatherhood may be the proving ground.

—R. C. C.

